

Selected Test Questions from the Augmented STAR 1999 Tests

The STAR tests that were administered in spring 1999 to all California students in grades 2 through 11 included all of the Stanford 9 tests that were administered in spring 1998. Augmented portions of the STAR 1999 tests included new questions that enabled the tests to more fully measure California's content standards in Language Arts (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics. These content standards were adopted for all schools in 1997 by the California State Board of Education and are available on the Board's web page at: http://www.cde.ca.gov/board/board.html.

The questions and passages presented here are taken from the augmented Language Arts and Mathematics tests that were administered in all California schools between March 15 and May 14, 1999. Questions have been selected from grades 3, 5, 8, and 10. The associated content standard is provided with each question. The \circledast symbol denotes the correct answer.

All questions for the augmented tests were developed exclusively for the California STAR Program by Harcourt Educational Measurement under the direction of experts appointed by the State Board of Education to serve on Content Review Panels in Language Arts and Mathematics.

